

# Ahnentafel Chart for Margania STOCKSTILL

# **First Generation**

 Margania STOCKSTILL was born 17 Dec 1895 in Pearl River County, Mississippi. She died 6 Jul 1974 in Picayune, Mississippi.

Margania married George Bruner PEARSON, son of John Andrew PEARSON and Sarah Elizabeth STEWART, on 5 Oct 1913 in Pearl River County, Mississippi. George was born 12 Nov 1889 in Hancock County, Mississippi. He died 15 Oct 1962 in Franklinton, Louisana and was buried New Palestine Cem in Picayune, Mississippi.

They had the following children:

- F i. Audrey PEARSON was born 14 Jun 1915 in Picayune, Mississippi. She died 15 Feb 1994 in Pascagoula, Mississippi and was buried New Palestine Cem in Picayune, Mississippi.
- M ii. Orville PEARSON was born 21 Oct 1919 in Picayune, Mississippi.
- M iii. Granville PEARSON was born 20 Jun 1924 in Picayune, Mississippi.
- M iv. Carl Winston PEARSON was born 8 Sep 1929 in Picayune, Mississippi. He died 16 Jan 1931 in Picayune, Mississippi.
- M v. Neville PEARSON was born 25 Dec 1931 in Picayune, Mississippi.

# **Second Generation**

- Joseph Leonard STOCKSTILL was born 29 Nov 1873. He died 5 Nov 1946 and was buried New Palestine Cem. in Picayune, Mississippi. Joseph married Martha Jane STEWART on 29 Nov 1894 in Hancock County, Mississippi.
- Martha Jane STEWART was born 27 Sep 1876. She died 17 Sep 1938 and was buried New Palestine Cem in Picayune, Mississippi.

They had the following children:

- 1 F i. Margania STOCKSTILL was born 17 Dec 1895 and died 6 Jul 1974.
  - F ii. Alma STOCKSTILL was born 1898.
  - F iii. Rowena STOCKSTILL was born 1900.
  - F iv. Aretha STOCKSTILL was born 1903.
  - M v. Harold STOCKSTILL was born 1905.
  - F vi. Edith STOCKSTILL (DIED AT BIRTH) was born 1912.
  - F vii. Evelyn STOCKSTILL (DIED AT BIRTH) was born 1913.
  - M viii. Harry STOCKSTILL (DIED AT BIRTH) was born 1915.

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# Third Generation

- 4. George Washington STOCKSTILL was born 6 Jan 1842 in Roan's Bayou, Honey Island, Hancock County. He died 30 Oct 1927 and was buried New Palestine Cem in Picayune, Mississippi. George married Francis Angeline SMITH on 20 May 1862 in Hancock County, Mississippi.
- Francis Angeline SMITH was born 7 Mar 1842. She died 27 Apr 1923 and was buried New Palestine Cem in Picayune, Mississippi.

They had the following children:

- M i. William W. STOCKSTILL was born 1859.
- M ii. Henry Monroe STOCKSTILL was born 1863.
- M iii. Thomas Jordan STOCKSTILL was born 1865.
- M iv. George Lafayette STOCKSTILL was born 1868.
- M v. William W. STOCKSTILL was born 1869.
- 2 M vi. Joseph Leonard STOCKSTILL was born 29 Nov 1873 and died 5 Nov 1946.
  - F vii. Mary F. STOCKSTILL.
  - F viii. Louisa E. STOCKSTILL was born 1879.
  - M ix. Jesse Emerson STOCKSTILL was born 1884.
  - M x. Elmore Joshua STOCKSTILL was born 1886.
- John Madison STEWART was born 21 May 1844 in Pine Grove, Pearl River County. He died 27
  Aug 1916 and was buried Pine Grove Cemetery in Pearl River County, Mississippi. John married
  Mary Elizabeth SMITH on 28 Mar 1869.
- 7. Mary Elizabeth SMITH was born 28 Aug 1869. She died 20 Aug 1921 and was buried Pine Grove Cemetery in Pearl River County, Mississippi.

They had the following children:

- M i. William Webster STEWART.
- M ii. Andrew Jackson STEWART.
- 3 F iii. Martha Jane STEWART was born 27 Sep 1876 and died 17 Sep 1938.
  - M iv. John Russell STEWART was born 1879.
  - M v. Otis Randolph STEWART was born 1883.

# **Fourth Generation**

- Thomas Jeremiah STOCKSTILL was born 8 Jan 1804. He died 2 Sep 1872 and was buried Thigpen Cem in Picayune, Mississippi. Thomas married Harriet Virginia WARDEN on 9 May 1825 in Hancock County, Mississippi.
- Harriet Virginia WARDEN was born 9 May 1825. She died 6 Oct 1876 and was buried Thigpen Cem in Picayune, Mississippi.

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### F xi. Lourinda Denman STOCKSTILL.

# **Fifth Generation**

- Joshua STOCKSTILL was born 1768 in Baltimore. MD. He died 24 Oct 1845 and was buried Nicholson, Pearl River Cty. Ms. in Old Palestine Cemetery. Joshua married Mary Lavina KNIGHT on 1795 in Nashville, Franklin County, Tennessee.
- 17. Mary Lavina KNIGHT was born 1783. She died 23 Oct 1849.

They had the following children:

- F i. Sara STOCKSTILL was born 1797 in Franklin County, Tennessee.
- F ii. Nancy STOCKSTILL was born 1799 in Franklin County, Tennessee.
- F iii. Talitha STOCKSTILL was born 1801 in Pike County, Mississippi.
- F iv. Mary Elizabeth STOCKSTILL was born 1803 in Pike County, Mississippi.
- 8 M v. Thomas Jeremiah STOCKSTILL was born 8 Jan 1804 and died 2 Sep 1872.
- M vi. Joshua STOCKSTILL JR, was born 1806 in Natchez, Mississippi.
- M vii. John Warnel STOCKSTILL was born 1818.
- F viii. Sally STOCKSTILL was born 1820 in Pike County, Mississippi.
- F ix. Rachel Rebecca STOCKSTILL was born 1823.
- F x. Mary Lavina STOCKSTILL was born 1824 in Pike County, Mississippi.
- F xi. Ann Jane STOCKSTILL was born 1832 in Pike County, Mississippi.

# Sixth Generation

- Thomas STOCKSTILL was born 1735 in Baltimore. MD. He died 15 Jul 1797 in Lincoln Cty, or Rowan Cty. N.C.. Thomas married Sarah.
- 33. Sarah.

They had the following children:

- F i. Elisha STOCKSTILL.
- M ii. Zebediah STOCKSTILL was born about 1755. He died before 1833.
- M iii. Warnel STOCKSTILL was born before 1755.
- 16 M iv. Joshua STOCKSTILL was born 1768 and died 24 Oct 1845.

# Seventh Generation

 Edward STOCKSTILL was born 1705 in Baltimore. MD. He died 1786. Edward married Rachel about 1724 in Maryland/Penn..

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## 65. Rachel.

They had the following children:

- 32 M i. Thomas STOCKSTILL was born 1735 and died 15 Jul 1797.
  - M ii. William STOCKSTILL was born 1739.
  - M iii. John STOCKSTILL was born 1741.
  - M iv. Edward STOCKSTILL was born 1743.
  - F v. Ellen STOCKSTILL was born 1745.
  - M vi. Morris STOCKSTILL TWIN was born 1747.
  - F vii. Rachel STOCKSTILL TWIN was born 1747.
  - F viii. Catherine STOCKSTILL was born 1749.

# **Eighth Generation**

- 128. Edward STOCKSTILL was born 1660. He died 20 Jun 1716. Edward married Jane BOYCE.
- 129. **Jane BOYCE** was born 6 Mar 1661/1662 in Monokin, Somerset Cty. MD. She died about 1716. They had the following children:
  - F i. Jane STOCKSTILL was born 1700 in Baltimore. MD.
  - F ii. Mary STOCKSTILL was born 1702 in Baltimore. MD.
  - F iii. Eliza STOCKSTILL was born 1704 in Baltimore. MD.
  - 64 M iv. Edward STOCKSTILL was born 1705 and died 1786.

# **Ninth Generation**

- 258. William BOYCE married Mary DELAMUS.
- 259. Mary DELAMUS.

They had the following children:

129 F i. Jane BOYCE was born 6 Mar 1661/1662 and died about 1716.

By DEE ANN O'NEIL Item Community Editor

to the West to Tennessee, Kentucky and further, the Battle of history it became more and more interesting.

1812 with Andrew Jackson and other familiar passages from Most of the family in the area are direct des the pages of American history have a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a special meaning to Joshua Stockstill who was born in Baltimore, I cannot be a spe Stories of The Revolutionary War, the migration of settlers some merabers of the Stockstill family in and around Picayune.

Joshua Stockstill, who has many descendants living bere. participated in these real and exciting events that many history buffs dream of - they were part of his everyday life. And, certain members of his family have spent many years researching and finding facts about his life, and the lives of those who followed, so they might pass the information on to

more generations of Stockstills and their families.

Hilda Hoffman of Picayune, whose mother was a Stockstill, has spent nearly 40 years working and searching for details of her family's history and still finds excitement in learning new things about her ancestors. "I found out just last week about one of the granddaughters

of Joshua who we had lost," Hoffman said.

We had lost every trace of her and her family until one older relative remembered visiting with her many, many years ago. She had just forgotten the incident and hadn't told

me. "So now, we have a whole new branch of the family to locate."

Hoffman is especially interested in finding members of family right now because the 29th consecutive Stockstill Family Reunion is to be held Sunday at New Palestine Baptist church for he descendants of Joshu Cockstill and

his wife, Mary Lavina Knight.

She is expecting more than 200 members of the family to be there and said they have had as many as 400 at one of t

reunions.

"Some of the family use this as their vacation and come from all over the United States — it is just wonderful.

Some of the family will come Saturday for the special. genealogical open house to be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Picayune Housing Authority recreation room. The purp this meeting is for the exchange of information and idpreparation for the publication of a book on the Stockstill family history.

'I hope we can publish a book soon," she said, We are trying to get pictures from famil/ members and include as much information as we can about the family and are looking for the support of family members to help us with 中国中国共和国的

The search for the family's history began for Hoffman young girl just out of high school. She went to Picayune where many family members lived and found is many didn't know much about even their parents.

"People didn't keep records like we do now and the wasn't the interest in genealogy that there is now, either she said, "and this was something I just did on in She made up her own forms and started writing down

formation about families in the area.

"It was really serious business to me and yet I didn't kno the importance of it at the time. "I just knew I wanted people in the area to know

Her work over the years has been "lots of fun" serious, she said.

It has also accumulated into 30 looseleaf actabooks material and information.

as done and they have shared finding more and more items of interestal As we went further and further back in In 1777 he was with his parents and relatives in Virgini and at the age of 14 served as drummer boy for the force lend by Marquis de Lafayette in the seige of Yorktown in th After the war be left Virginia and went to Tennessee w some of his family remained, but Joshua had met married Mary Lavina Knight and they, along with a brother Your Stockstill, migrated into Louisiana.

The lived in the period of Daniel Boone and Sam House

Kentucky and he probably knew them. Houston owned land, also."

The Spanish ruled the territory and their r Joshua was there in 1792 and 1799, he had obtained a Land Grant in the Natchez district and it was on this hom place that at least two of his sons were born jorn in 1804 and William Joshua, born in 1808.

A third son, William, was born about the time of the War (
1812 and Joshua served in this war in the battle of Ne Orleans.

He was the master of a schooner at this time, hat he has inherited and hauled freight up and down the fississip River." Jim Hoffman said.

His brother in law John Knight, and his family with aim on the ship, we know the added.

Shortly after this, in 1814, the Stockstills were re history for the first time in Mississippi. they were recorded as charter members of Silver Creuptist church in Pike County, near Magnotia. In 1819 th ited a letter from Silver Creek to join the Bethan church on Sandy Creek near Monticello, Miss.
The last record of Joshua Stockstill was his annumeration on the 1820 U.S. Census. His grave has not been local family tradition is that he is buried near Magnolia.

The descendants of Joshua's son, Josh Jr. settled

town and Caesar areas near Picayune. The omas settled in Picayune and those of son, Joh ded around Nicholson.

Hoffman is the great-granddaughter of Thomas Stockst in his wife Harriet Warden. He is buried in Thigp semetery just south of Picayune. offman's maiden name was Formby, the said.

You lose the women in marriage—it is hard to bracem name, times.

And when I first began I didn't ask the husband's s and that was a big mistake

and her husband are steeped in the histor Stoc will family and can talk for hours about the fascinate things that have happened.

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gs, for many reasons," she said. If a book is published, she feels it will be a great It has also accumulated into 30 looseleaf actabooks full of passing along vital facts to the family. And, it probably wo aterial and information.

She has had the help and support of her husband, Jim; in all thinks.

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CTOBER 25, 1972

Palestine scene of Stockstill reunion



OLDER STOCKSTILL DESCENDANTS - Over seventy year old Stockstill and descendants who were especially honored Sunday, October 22, at the 21 annual Stockstill reunion held at the New Palestine Baptist Church are seated left to right, front row:

Mrs. Rubye (Patch) Mitchell, Mr. Sam Mitchell, Daisy Lorena (Stockstill) Pearson, Felix Monroe Lee, Beedie Isadore Lee, Daniel Columbus Lee, Martha Annie (Watts) Stockstill, James Newton Mitchell.

Second row left to right: Mrs. Ida (Lindsey) Smith, Ella Caroline (Stockstill) Davis, Mr. Luther S. Stockstill, Mrs. Pearl (Amacker Stockstill, Mrs. Ida Myrtie (Stockstill) Weaver, Alma (Stockstill) Davis, Easter (Stockstill) Stewart, Margania (Stockstill) Pearson, Bertha (Stockstill) Formby.

Back row left to right: Mr. John Jasper Patch, Zealius Stockstill, Julius Stockstill, Leamon Stockstill, Litt Stockstill, Mrs. Edith (Stockstill) Herrington

# Stockstill family gathers

Special to the Item

Because they cared enough to remember, some 200 or more members of the Stockstill family gathered in reunion for the 32nd consecutive year on Sunday, October 23 at New Palestine Baptist Church.

Following dinner on the grounds, Mark Stuart Formby, president of this year's reunion called the afternoon program to order. acknowledging the honor which had been afforded him as president and thanking each of those who had helped in preparation for the reunion. Mark is a great-great grandson of George Washington Stockstill (1843-1927) and also a great-great grandson of David Quitman Stockstill (1856-1938).

The secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Mary Ellen Davis, then read a report of the minutes of the 1982 reunion.

There being no old business, Hilda Formby Hoffmann was recognized for the purpose of presenting the name of John Washington Stockstill, great grandson of John Warnel Stockstill, to fill the vacancy on the reunion's board of trustees, caused by the death last year of Harold Clinton Stockstill. John was elected unanimously by voice vote of the reunion.

For their dedicated

research of family documents and records and the contribution of same for the inclusion in the family history, the following named ladie were presented certificates of appreciation by the reunion: Mrs. Betty Smith Davis, daughter of Mrs. Virginia
Duke Smith and the late
Charlie J. Smith, who has diligently searched the records of State Archives, libraries and courthouses in many states, and is a contributing member of many genealogical societies, also the editor of a genealogical column in the Humble, Texas newspaper and edits the Stockstill newsletter which is distributed throughout many states; Mrs. Sarintha Patrick Stockstill, better known as Pat, who has worked for years on the family line of her husband, the late Rev. Houston Elijah Stockstill, and who as recently as last year was accompanied by her daughter, Mavis Stockstill Moore, and granddaughter, Gail Irris Moore Tarrico, on field trips to the State Archives and various libraries in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky in search of the family name; Mrs. Naomi Edith Fincher Pippin, who has done ex-tensive work on the Lee family, having researched the records in Salt Lake City,

Utah, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Texas and Alabama for her soon to be published history of that family; and Mrs. Reida Keaton Mars, who has for many years recorded little known family and rural cemeteries in many states. Reida has copied numerous family Bibles and interviewed many of the older descendants of the pioneer families of Mississippi territory providing material which would have died with these elders had she not persisted in this undertaking.

The reunion is indeed fortunate to have such qualified and generous historians as these ladies to help in the preparation of the family history.

The reunion musicians, Mrs. Jeanelle Ladner Hopkins, organist, and Mrs. Johnnie Lou Seal Ingram, presented the music for the offertory.

Mrs. Jessie Smith Stewart

Mrs. Jessie Smith Stewart then memorialized those who had passed away during the past year. Following an inspirational song by a men's quartet and the reading of a poem, both based upon the theme of "Memories," a single tiny light bulb wass lighted on a large star as the names of each of the dead were read by Mrs. Stewart. Among those in attendance

were the following who given special recognition Mrs. Betty Smith Dayi Mrs. Jeanelle Mitchell for having attended ea the 32 reunions, Mrs. F Stockstill Formby, Aretha Stockstill Mitche Mrs. Alma Stockstill I For the oldest Stockstill present, Mrs. Beedie Lee for the oldest Stockstill present bearing the Sto name, Joseph Jo Stockstill, 79 years of ag the oldest lady who married a Stockstill, Sarintha Patrick Stocks years old, and Mrs. Vi Duke Smith, also 84 year for the oldest man married a Stockstill lady Williamson; for the you lady descendant fro Stockstill, Summer 1 Penton, four years old fifth great granddaugh Thomas Jeremiah and H Warden Stockstill; for youngest' gentle descendant of a Stoc Jess David Lowe, 11 n old, the great grandson ( Whitfield and the fourth



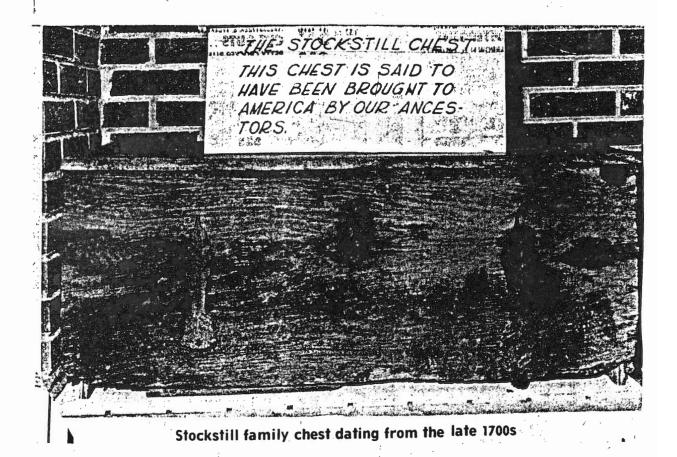
Family members meet

Stockstill family members over 70 years of age attending the 1983 reunion were (front, l-r) Sarintha Patrick Stockstill, Eleanor Stockstill Mitchell, Mildren Oretta Lee-Lee, Beedle Lee-Lee, Edna Mae Pearson Petro, Miller Stockstill

Geinn Osborn Stockstill, Edmond Mitchell, Herman F. Baham, Arthur Penton, Sr., Joseph Joshua Stockstill, Jessie Smith Stewart, Virginia Duke Smith, Jewel Seal Ladner, Ethel Mitchell Fleming, Bertha Stockstill Formby Effic Stockstill Lee, Virgil

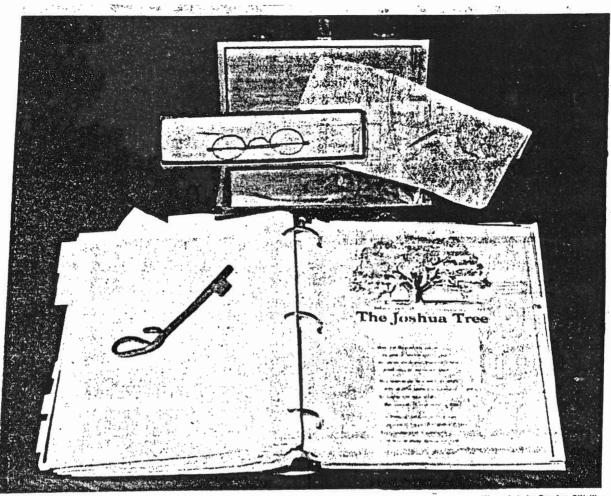
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(Item photo by Dec Am O'Nell)

Key to chest, old glasses, nail and family tree part of history

# Stockstill family sched

"You can't go home again," Hemingway once said, but in the past several years there has been a resurgence of family reunions, and each fall, the concensus traditional time of year for such gatherings, finds thousands of families converging on home cities, small towns, rural areas, etc., to reunite with parents, grandparents, old and new relatives, babies they have never seen, to meet and greet. but mostly to talk about "remember when." Their meeting places will be "the old home place," churches, recreational centers, town squares or barns, the setting helps, but doesn't really matter, because this is a

people-oriented event, and love of family is uppermost in the minds of all who attend.

Such an undertaking will be the thirty-first annual Stockstill Reunion which will play host to hundreds of relatives, friends and guests on Sunday, Oct. 24.

The reunion will meet at New Palestine Baptist Church on Palestine Road where they have met since the reunion began in 1952. It is fitting that this has been, and will continue to be the gathering point for the Stockstills, for it was in 1898, that Billy, Josh and George Stockstill, along with William "Juckers" Smith met to organize the church, and it was the sons of these four men

who did the actual building of the church.

This year's reunion will be dedicated to the memory of John Warnel Stockstill (1819-1865), who was the son of Joshua Stockstill and Mary Lavina Knight and the first cousin of the elder Stockstills who organized the church.

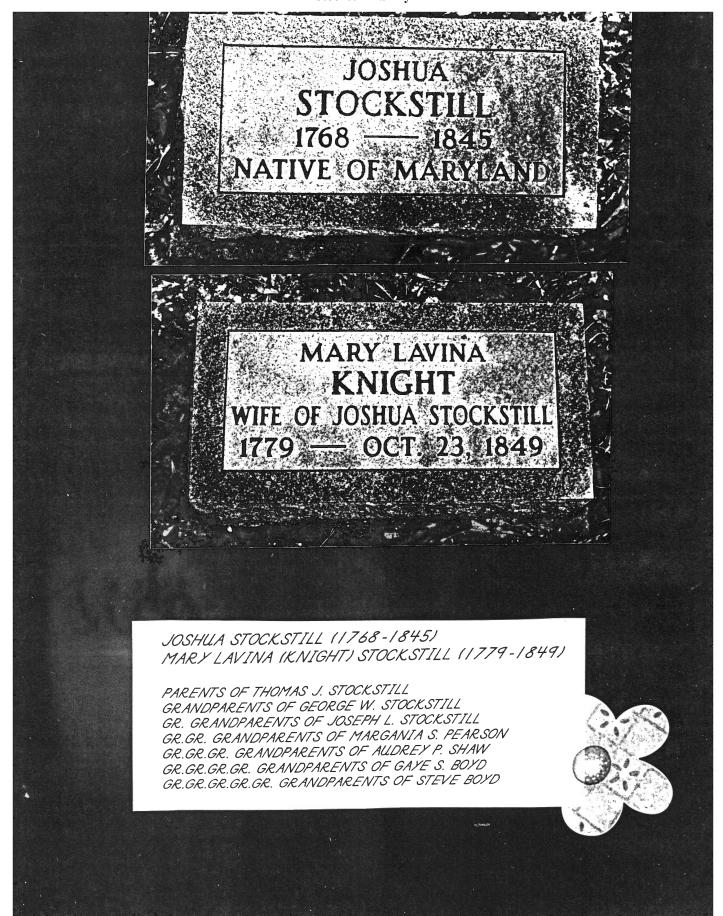
Presiding at the reunion will be John Washington Stockstill, of New Iberia, La., who is the great-grandson of John Warnel Stockstill.

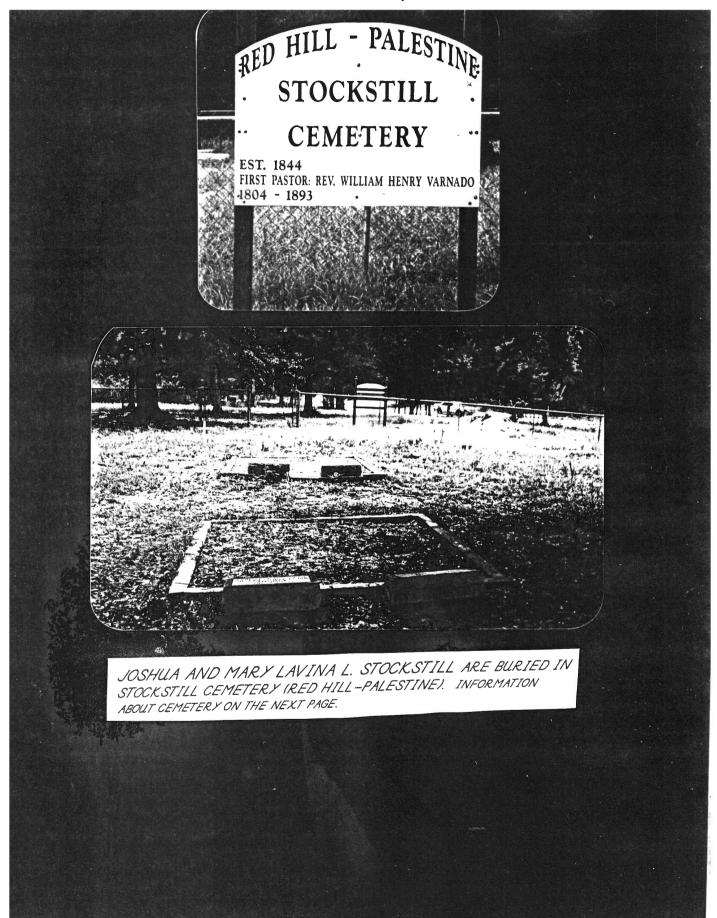
The reunion will begin with the morning worship service, conducted by the Reverend Wayne Allen Stockstill, Evangelist of California, a native of Picayune who will be leading New Palestine Baptist Church in revival during the following week.

Immediately following the morning worship services, dinner on the grounds will be served for the members of the family and their guests from basket lunches brought by those attending.

At 1 p.m., a business meeting will be held in the sanctuary of the church. There will be special music by Mary Elizabeth Cire, and the Hedgepeth Family and special recognitions given to members of the family.

All members of the Stockstill and related families and their guests are urged to attend.





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Early cemetery reclaimed By BUTCH WEIR Special to the Democrat

One of the earliest cemeteries in south Pearl River County has been reclaimed from the ravages of time and Mother Nature by the efforts of a local historical group and descendants of the people buried there. The Red Hill cemetery, originally the Old Palestine church cemetery established in 1842 and located in Nicholson (Ms.), will be rededicated in ceremonies Saturday morning by the Gainesville Volunteers, Sons of Confederate Veterans Chapter 373. Three Confederate veterans and one Revolutionary War veteran are buried there.

At 11 a.m. members of the veterans chapter in full uniform colorguard will enter the cemetery while others of the group will fire a musket salute followed by a cannon salute from the Jefferson Flying Artillery. Descendants of the original veterans and other dignitaries will participate in the ceremonies.

The three Confederate veterans are Rutilous C. Mitchell, great-grandfather of Velma Downes; John F. Patch, great-grandfather of Huey

Stockstill Sr. Also buried in the cemetery is Joshua Stockstill and his wife Mary Lavina Stockstill. He was born in 1768 and was a drummer boy in

the Revolution at age 13 before migrating here from Maryland. The three CSA veterans have new headstones provided by the Veterans Administration while new markers for other graves have been purchased by

their descendants.

The cemetery is located on land owned by Huey Stockstill,who donated the new fence and helped clear the area while his two sons, Ricky and David

Stockstill, provided sand and gravel and removed tree stumps from the site.

Dave Crawford and other SCV members spent many hours clearing the site while

members of Boy Scouts Troop 2 of Picayune provided help in placing the veteran's new markers.

Crawford originally rediscovered the cemetery early in 1997 and with the help of local resident Hilda Hoffman sited the original graves. Crawford then approached the Gainesville Volunteers about restoring the cemetery, an effort made more meaningful when the three veterans were discovered there. Bad weather and other problems postponed much of the work

until early in 1998.

Joshua served in the Maryland Militia as a Drummer Boy. He was at Yorktown, VA, when General Cornwallis surrendered to Gen Washington and LaFayette ending the Revolutionary War in 1781.

In 1800, he immigrated to the new state of Tennessee.

When the war of 1812 broke out, he enlisted in the army of Gen. Andrew Jackson and was with him at the battle of New Orleans. January 8th, 1815, marching with Jackson's Army back to Tennessee .. surveying and cutting the old Jackson Military Highway from Madisonville, LA, to Mussels Sholes, Alabama.

Eloped with a fourteen year old girl (Mary Knight, from Nashville, Tennessee) to Mississippi and settled near Homerville, Pke County, Mississippi.

This from: Full Context of Land Claims in Mississippi Territory, 1789-1834 This database gives information about public land claims made by early settlers of the Mississippi Territory. Information was compiled and published in the American State Papers by Walter Lowrie, who was secretary of the senate at the time, and encompasses volumes I and II of that series. Entries include the register's number, name of claimant, name of original grantee or claimant, quantity of land, and date of the patent.

Certificate Entered: 01 Feb 1806

Certificate: 691

Certificate Date: 06 Jan 1806 Recorded: Vol 3 Page 257 Claim Name: James Moore Orig Name: Joshua Stockstill

Quantity: 500f.

Situation: On Sandy creek Derived: Spanish 15 Mar 1789

Stockstill Reunion

Posted by: Susan Tucker (ID \*\*\*\*\*0739) Date: September 15, 2002 at 06:57:31 of 396

Just received a letter from James Warnell "Jimmy" Stockstill. This years reunion will be Saturday, October 26, 2002, at New Palestine Baptist Church, Picayune, MS. Plan to meet about 11:00 a.m for fellowship and lunch, bring favorite dish please, official meeting is at 2:00 in Church Sanctuary.

The Red Hill/ Stockstill Cemetery qualifies for a Mississippi State Historical Marker that can be purchased at a cost of \$1,470.00. Pearson Realty is helping preserve this land for us, thanks Pearson Realty. If every Stockstill descendant would donate just 1.00 for every child in their immediate family, this would be an easy goal, with money left over to maintain cemetery. There are a few additional Stockstill tombstones we need to consider purchasing also. Don't forget to update your family line with any births, deaths, or marriages for the library. If anyone has any old pictures, we would sure like a copy for the library. Thanks again to Mrs. Hoffmann for her years of work on keeping track of our family lines, and for the use of her home as a library.

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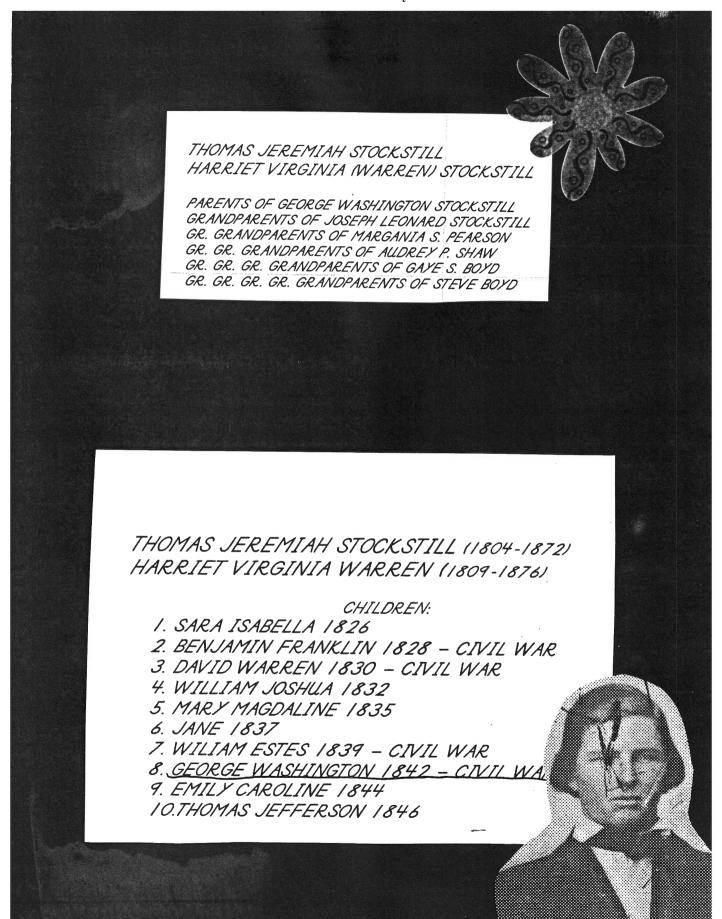
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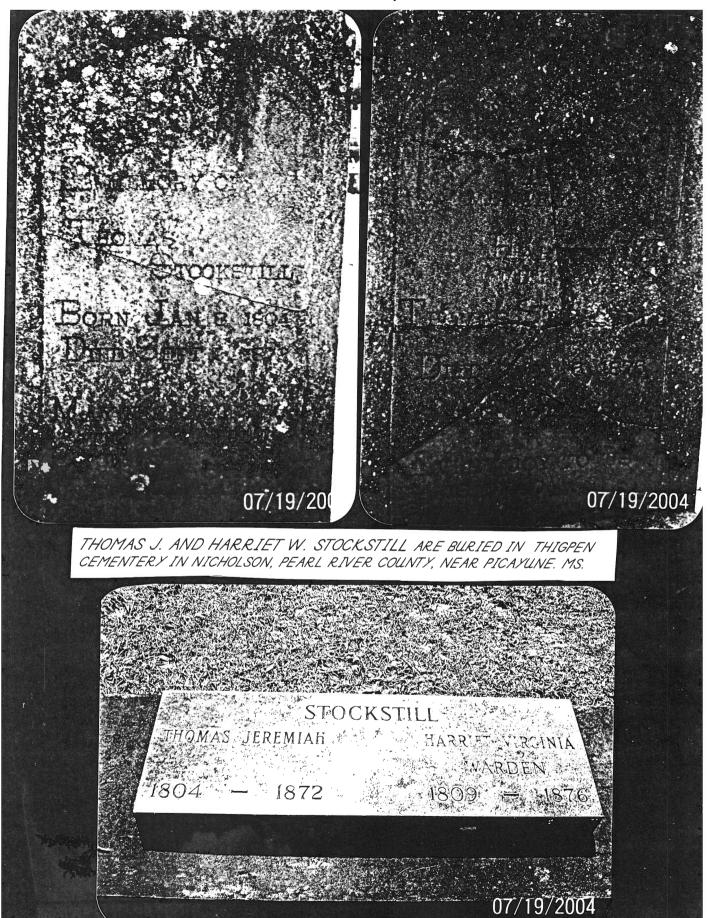
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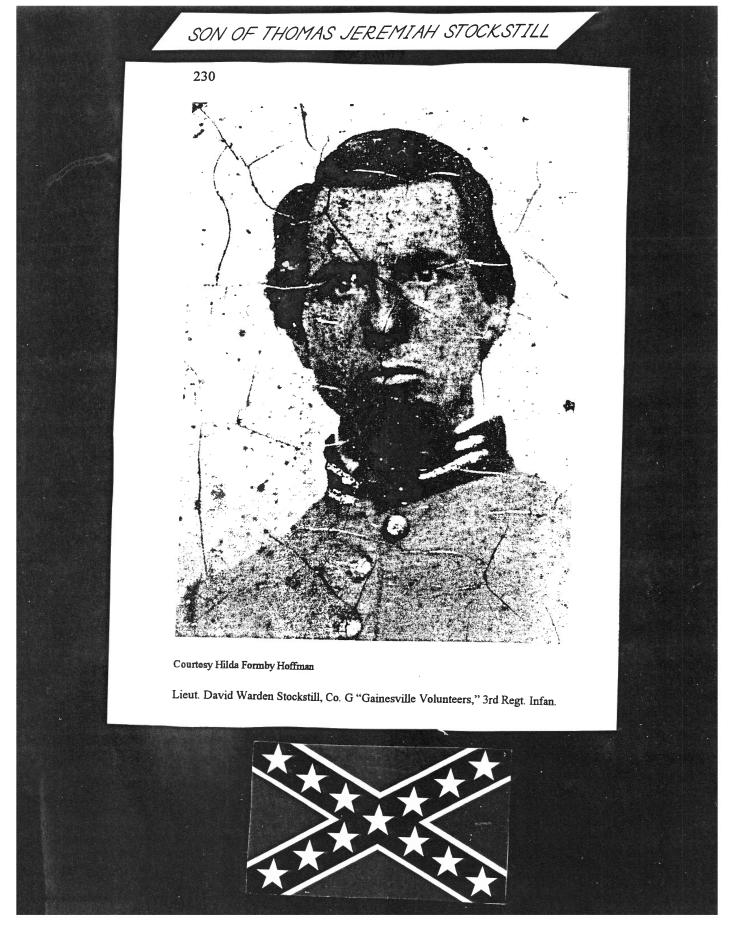
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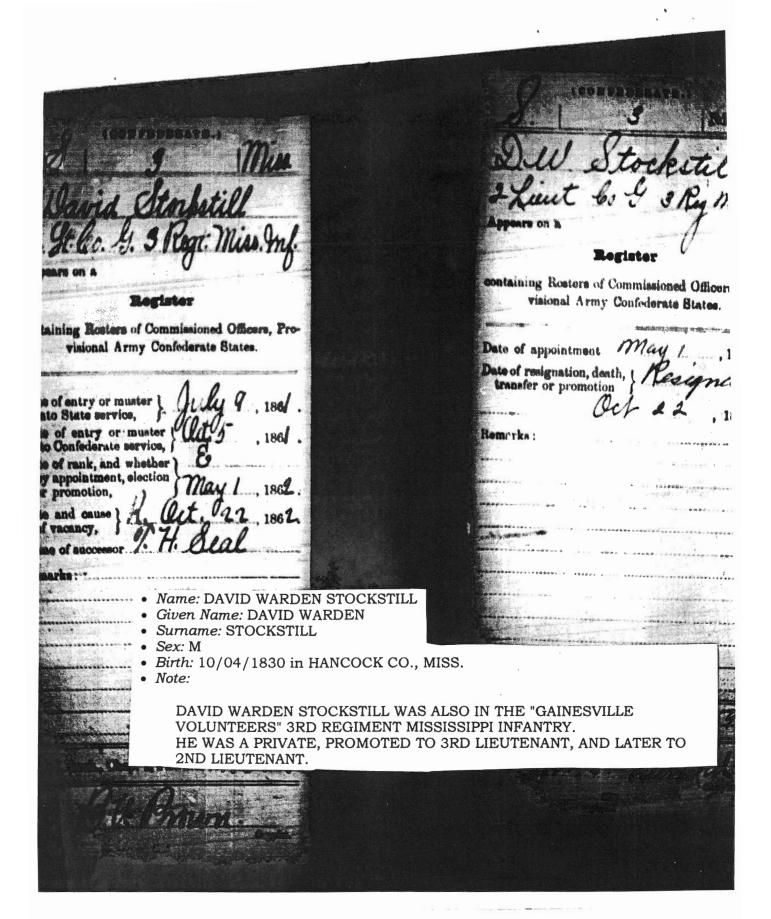
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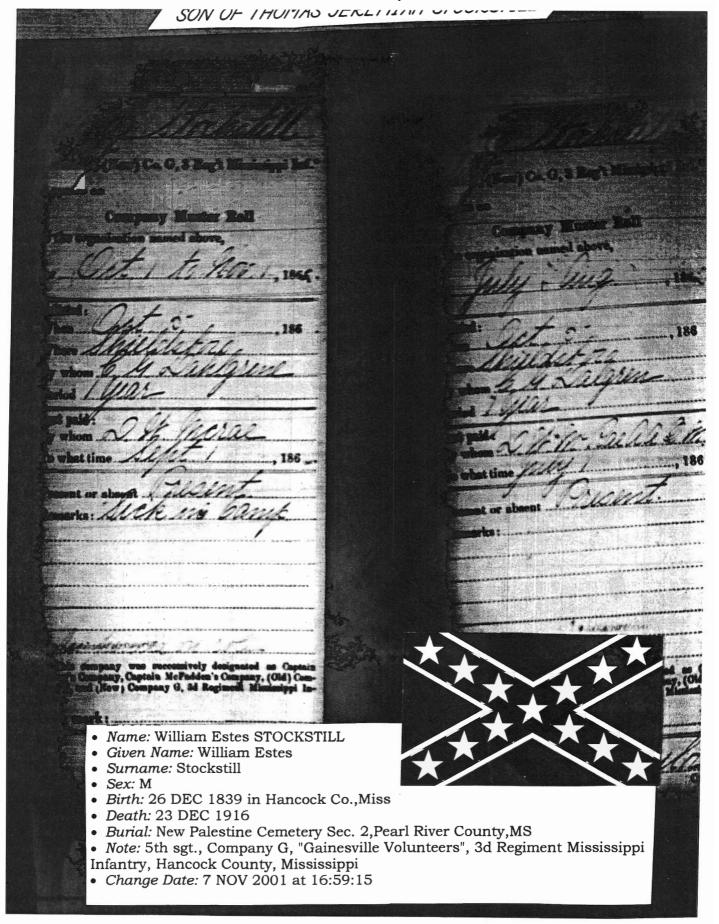


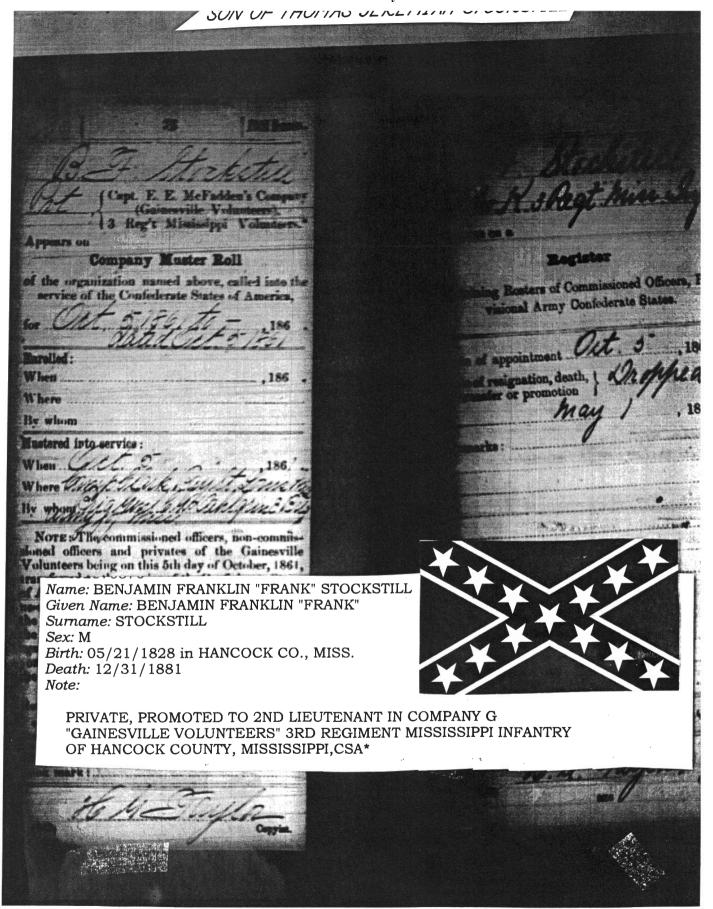


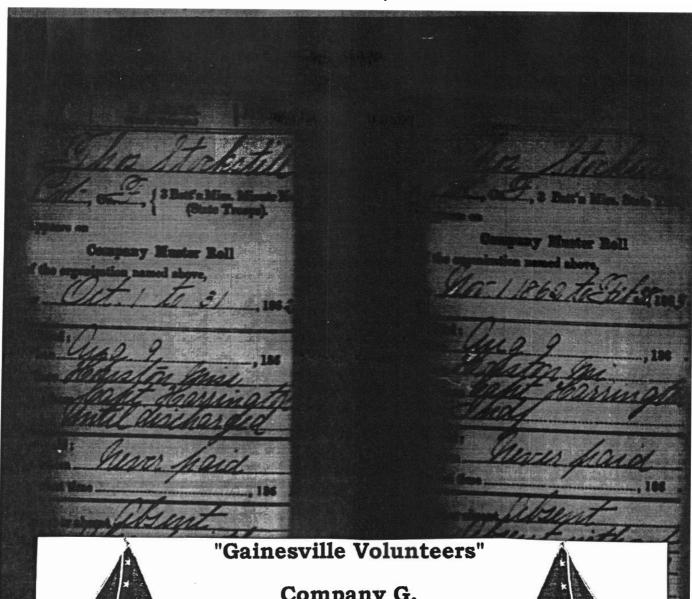


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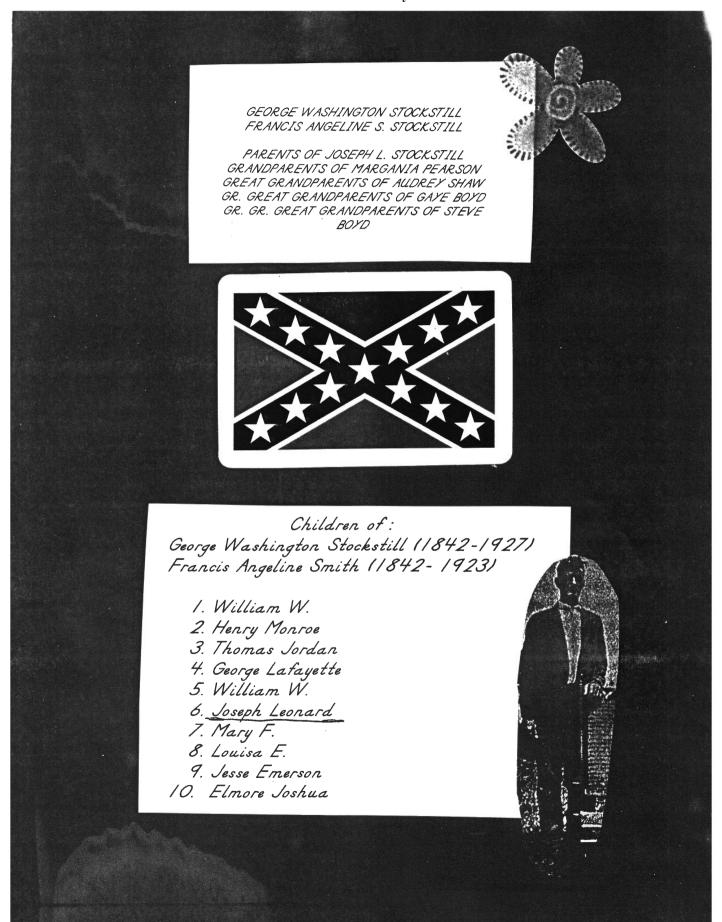


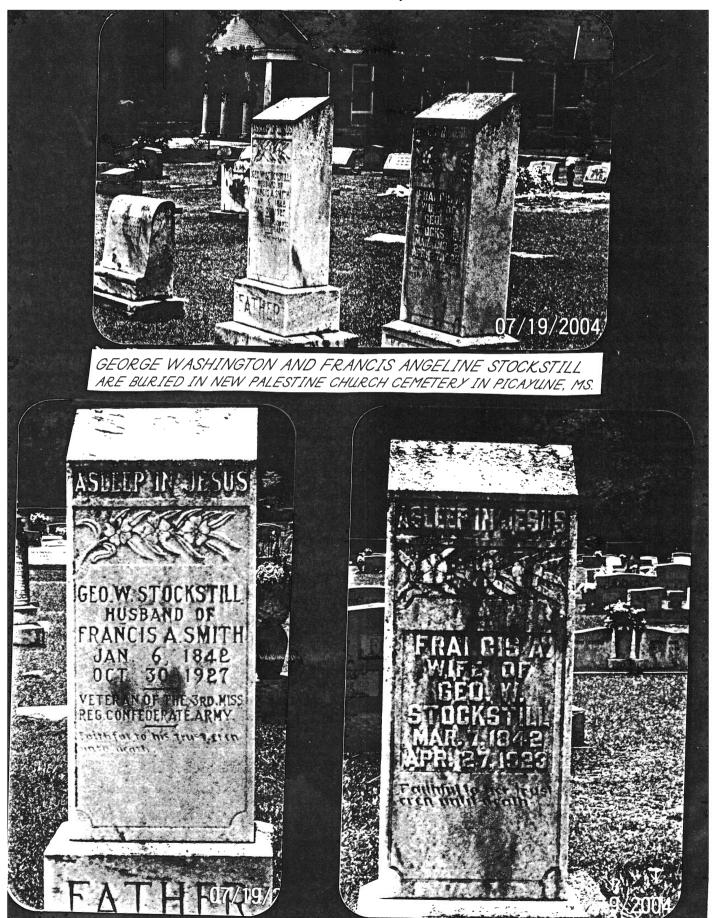
Company G, 3d Regiment Mississippi Infantry

The community of Gainesville came to an end in the 1960's as the land it set on came under the control of a NASA facility, the present day John C. Stennis Space Flight Center.

Hancock County, Mississippi, CSA\*

The company was successively designated as Captain Deason's Company, Captain McFadden's Company, (Old) Company K, and (New) Company G, 3d Regiment Mississippi Infantry. The "Gainesville Volunteers" mustered into state service at Gainesville, Hancock County, Mississippi, on July 13, 1861. Mustered into Confederate service at Shieldsborough, Hancock County, Mississippi, on October 5, 1861. Originally in the Eighth Regiment State Troops.







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Courtesy Hilda Formby Hoffman

Pvt. George Washington Stockstill also served in the "Gainesville Volunteers." Anxious to get off to the war, he hadn't even been issued his uniform yet.

# For Dixie Land I'll Take My Stand!

Images of Mississippi Confederates



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Capild from the Pearl River County WPA

by Jim D. Stockstill, son of David Stockstill

Before the beginning of the Civil War the young men of this section organized a company of Infantry known as the Gainesville Volunteers. When the war began this company became part of the Third Mississippi Infantry. In 1862 another company was formed of conscripts, or draft men, and mustered into the 38th Mississippi Infantry. In this company were eight brave brothers from one family enrolled together and at the same time. This is said to be the record for the entire Confederate Army.

The Third Infantry saw service in Kentucky in defence of Fort Donaldson, but were soon sent back to the defense of the Mississippi Coast, being sent later to New Orleans. Evacuating New Orleans before its capture, they went to Camp Moore near Kentwood, La. and later to the defense of Vicksburg. Before the surrender of Vicksburg most of the men escaped the Union Army and returned to their homes.

By this time conditions were very bad throughout the entire section. Famine and pestilence, which always ride with war, were making itself felt, while the

civil Government was breaking down, and there was no protection to life or property from either the Confederate or Union Armies. The Confederates were in Virginia and Georgia while the Union army held close to New Orleans, only sending small patrols through the country. This state of affairs gave encouragement to the lawless element and by the end of 1864 organized bands known as Jayhawkers were terrorising the entire section robbing and mistreating the inhabitants, and destroying and carrying away property.

This condition soon became unbearable and many members of the old Gainesville Volunteers got together and organized themselves determined to put an end to such conditions. They put their old officers in command. Help was obtained from a like movement in Marion County, and in a short time many of the ringleaders of the Jayhawkers were captured and executed. The others were run out of the country.

From this period onward, for several years, social and economic conditions were very poor. The good people of the neighborhood maintained their churches as best they could, but there were no schools except very small and inferior private ones in which the students were without books and the teachers unpaid.

The Ku Klux Klan was operative, but as there were but few negroes in the county and they of an inoffensive disposition, there was little disturbance. There were few Carpetbaggers since there was nothing here to satisfy their self-ishness. Reorganization of the Civil Government was very slow, and it was full fifteen years after the close of the Civil War that the spririt of progress began to be manifest. At about the time the railroads began to build and towns established, sawmills and timber operations began to give employment to the people. New roads and schools were built, and a general era of progress and improvement began which has continued to this time.

In 1872 Pearl River County was established, but due to the fact that it was not able to maintain itself, it was abolished in 1878. In 1890 Pearl River County was established from parts of Marion and Hancock Counties.

Reconstruction is termed as the period from the close of the Civil War in 1865 to about 1875. This included the greater problems of the re-building of the State. Mississippi had to be admitted back as part of the United States.

# GEORGE WASHINGTON STOCKSTICL

# 3rd Mississippi Infantry



(from Dunbar Rowland's "Military History of Mississippi, 1803-1898"; company listing courtesy of H. Grady Howell's "For Dixie Land, I'll Take My Stand') 1842 - 1927

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Company B -- Sunflower Dispersers (raised in Sunflower

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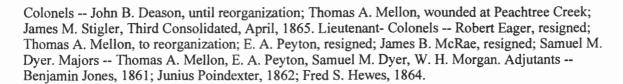
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Company G -- Gainesville Volunteers (raised in Hancock

Company H -- Dahlgren Guards (raised in Harrison Count

Company I -- John M. Sharps, aka Yazoo Rebels (raised in

Company K -- McWillie Blues (raised in Copiah County, MS) [also listed as Co. A]



Total original enrollment, 806 officers and men.

This was the Third Regiment, Third Brigade, Army of Mississippi, Charles G. Dahlgren, Brigadier-General, M. R. Clark, Adjutant-General, headquarters Camp Clark, at Shieldsboro. The organization was not completed until other regiments bearing higher numbers, were in the field. The nucleus of the regiment was the Shieldsboro Rifles and Gainesville Volunteers, which Captain Deason reported in camp at Shieldsboro under his command August 1, 1861. The regimental field officers were elected September 25, 1861. Company I was assigned to the regiment October 14, at Pass Christ/an.

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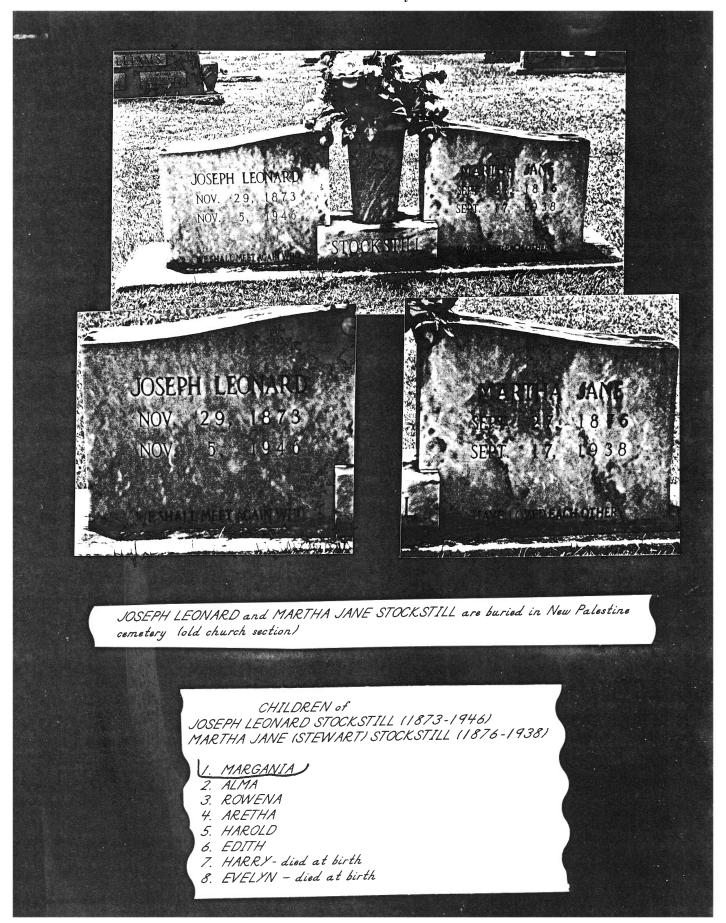
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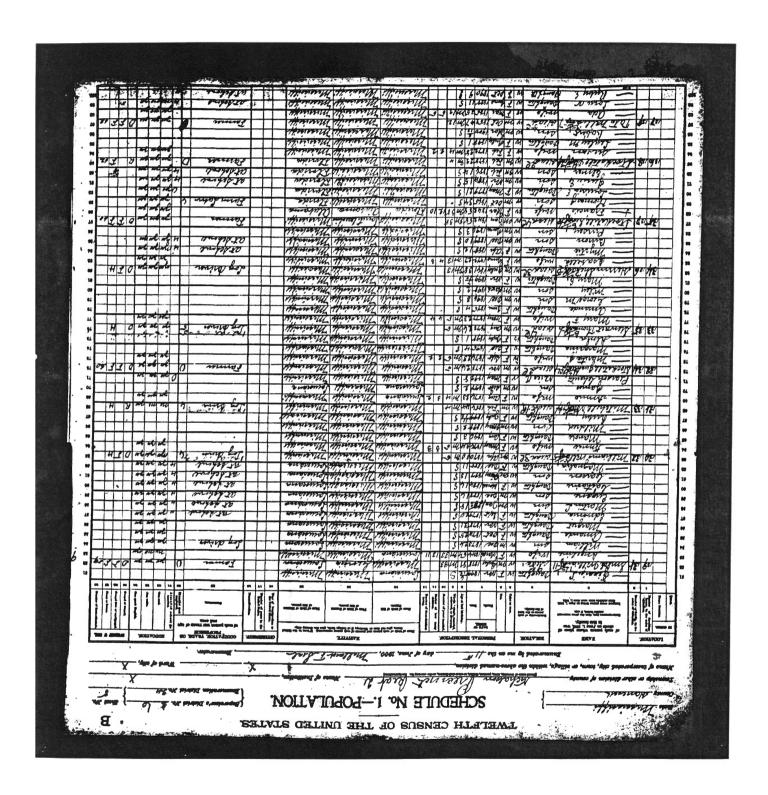
### **Descendants of Shadrack STEWART**

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Joseph L. Stockstil 13 Jul 2005 1. Shadrack STEWART (b.1780) sp: Sarah UNKNOWN 2. Andrew Jackson STEWART 2. Jordan STEWART 2. Nancy STEWART 2. William Pinkney STEWART 2. Henry Jackson STEWART (b.1819 d.1894) sp: Martha Jane SEAL 3. Nancy A. STEWART 3. William S. STEWART 3. John Madison STEWART (b.1844 d.1916) sp: Mary Elizabeth SMITH (b.1869 m.1869 d.1921) 4. William Webster STEWART 4. Andrew Jackson STEWART 4. Martha Jane STEWART (b.1876 d.1938) sp: Joseph Leonard STOCKSTILL (b.1873 m.1894 d.1946) 5. Margania STOCKSTILL (b.1895 d.1974) sp: George Bruner PEARSON (b.1889 m.1913 d.1962) 6. Audrey PEARSON (b.1915 d.1994) sp: Osbon SHAW (b.1913 m.1937 d.1995) ─ 7. Gaye Dawn SHAW (b.1943) sp: Jerry BOYD (b.1942 m.1963) 8. Steven Shawn BOYD (b.1964) sp: Kristine Shamci SHAHRIARI (b.1969 m.1992) 9. Christopher Steven BOYD (b.1995) - 9. Alexandra Kay BOYD (b. 1998) - 9. William David BOYD (b.2000) 9. Michael Shawn BOYD (b.2002) 8. Delene Dawn BOYD (b.1967) 8. David Tyrus BOYD (b.1977) sp: Carmen Cristina RODRIGUEZ (b.1979 m.2003) 7. Ned Osbon SHAW (b.1946) 7. Kent Davis SHAW (b.1949) 6. Orville PEARSON (b.1919) 6. Granville PEARSON (b.1924) 6. Carl Winston PEARSON (b.1929 d.1931) 6. Neville PEARSON (b.1931) 5. Alma STOCKSTILL (b.1898) 5. Rowena STOCKSTILL (b.1900) 5. Aretha STOCKSTILL (b.1903) 5. Harold STOCKSTILL (b.1905) 5. Edith STOCKSTILL - (DIED AT BIRTH) (b.1912)

5. Evelyn STOCKSTILL (DIED AT BIRTH) (b.1913)



2. HENRY JACKSON STEWART
Son of SHADRACK STEWART & SARAH
Born 4/11/1819 in Darlington County, South Carolina.
His family migrated to Hancock County in 1820 and settled
on the east bank of Pearl River at a place called Stewart's
Bluff. Around 1839 he married MARTHA JANE SEAL, B:12/29/18.
D: 12/8/1905; dau. of ANDREW JACKSON SEAL & SUSAN PINICE
WILLIS. Henry Jackson Stewart was about age 20 and Martha
Jane about 17 when they married. They built a home on land
near her father's home. In 1853, Henry Jackson and his
siblings sold their interest in their father's land to
William Floyd Seal, husband of Gillie Stewart.

On 3/25/1862, Henry Jackson Stewart joined the Hancock Rebel in Gainesville, MS. He served for five months as a 2/LT in Company A/C, of the 38th Regiment of the Miss. Militia. He resigned on 8/25/1862. After the war was over, a depression struck the nation which added to the hardship of reconstruction in the deep south.

In 1871, Henry Jackson and Martha Jane took their two small grandsons, James and Daniel Stewart into their home and raised them. Anna Jane Burks Stewart was the mother of these little boys and second wife of William Stewart. She died in childbirth at the age of 24 yrs.

In 1875, Henry Jackson purchased 160 acres of land from J. P. Billups. A year later he sold this land to his son, John Madison Stewart. In 1876, he also sold 140 acres to his oldest son, William Stewart.

On 6/15/1894, Henry Jackson Stewart died of yellow fever at the age of 75. He was buried in the middle of the night by his sons in the Pine Grove Church Cemetery. The next day a church service was held for him. A will was not found in the Poplarville Courthouse and since Henry Jackson sold all of his land prior to his death, it is assumed he did not write a will. Martha Jane Seal-Stewart was 72 years old at the time of her husband's death. She lived 11 more years and died at age 83 on 12/8/1905. She is buried in Pine Grove Church Cemetery, PRC, MS. next to her husband.

# 1880 U. S. Census: Hancock County, MS.

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H. J. STEWART	FATHER	61
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#### SHADRACK STEWART

Shadrack Stewart, whose name was spelled variously Shadric, Shadrick, Shadrach and Shadrack in the records, was born between 1780 and 1784, probably in South Carolina. His parents were John Stewart and Ann Stanley. Shadrack was named after his mother's brother, Shadrack Stanley.

Shadrack's name first appeared in the Darlington County, S.C. Deed Books on August 15, 1803 when he was between 19 and 23 years old. On the 1810 Darlington County census he is shown with his wife, Sarah, one daughter, three sons and an unidentified individual. There is no way to determine the identification of this person. The oldest male child is too old to be Shadrack's son and is believed to be his younger brother, Sands. Also indicated in the household was one free black man and three female slaves.

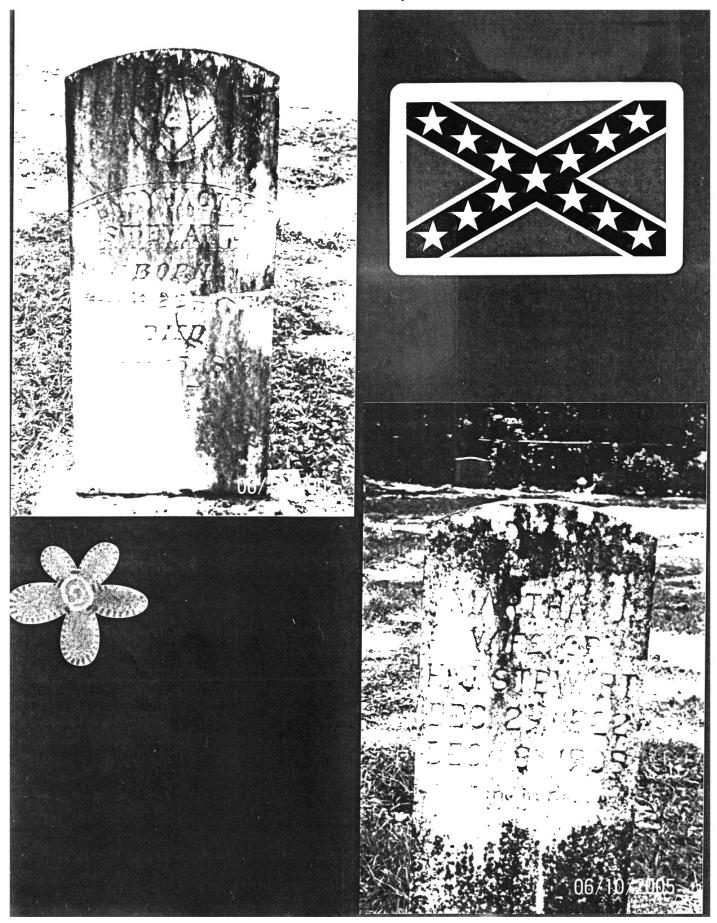
In 1812, when the United States declared war on England, Shadrack was between 28 and 32 years old. Inquiries were sent to the South Carolina and National Archives but no records were found to indicate that he served in this war.

During the years that Shadrack lived in Darlington County, S.C. he bought and sold numerous tracts of land, and acted as a witness for many relatives and friends. He served as a constable from March, 1808 until March, 1810 and as a Justice of the Peace from Feb. 1815 until Feb. 1816 (see documents). The last Darlington County land sale that has been found for Shadrack was on August 11, 1819. His wife Sarah Stewart signed the deed releasing her right to dower later that year on December 15th.

It is believed that Shadrack Stewart left Darlington County, S.C. with a group of relatives and friends. William Stewart, who acted as a witness when Shadrack sold his land in August, 1819 is believed to be one of this group. Although proof is not available as to the route Shadrack traveled from South Carolina to Mississippi, the following seems most likely. There were a few roads built by the English and French and many Indian trails but nothing to compare with the road systems we have today. Using the known roads of that period and referring to present day roads and highways, the following may have been the migration route of Shadrack Stewart.

Leaving Darlington, he traveled southeast along Lynches River to the Fall Line Road which took him southwest to Augusta, GA. From Augusta he continued southwest, crossing the Oconee, Ocomulgee and Flint Rivers until he reached Columbus, GA. At Columbus he crossed the Chattahoochee River and traveled due west on the Federal Road (US 80) to Montgomery, Alabama.

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There are many unanswered questions pertaining to Shadrack Stewart's life. In 1810, Shadrack and Sarah Stewart lived in Darlington County, S.C. and had two boys and one girl under the age of ten. By 1819 there were two more boys in the household. There is no doubt that Sarah is the mother of Shadrack's first five children and that she was alive as late as December 1819 when she signed Shadrack's last deed sale in Darlington, S.C.

There is, however, some question as to whether Sarah came to Mississippi. There is a Sarah Stewart listed on page 65 of the 1820 Darlington County census. She is listed as the head of household, between 26 and 45 years of age, with one male between 10 and 16 years of age; two females 10-16 and three females under 10 years of age.

After Shadrack arrived in Mississippi there was a period of about six or seven years when he produced no known children. This seems to indicate that his wife was either unable to bear children or had died. After this period Shadrack produced another son and three more daughters born after 1824.

It seems clear that Shadrack Stewart did have a second wife who was the mother of his last four children. But who was this woman? It has been reported down through the years by descendants in this family that Shadrack married an Amy C. Jordan but no documentation has been found to substantiate this claim. Until proof is found, there is no way to determine the mother of Shadrack's four youngest children. This has been the major disappointment in writing about the life of Shadrack Stewart. The first group of children have only a given name, Sarah, to claim for a mother - the last four have no name at all. It is hoped that further research will reveal who she was. These and many more questions leave a veil of mystery surrounding the life of Shadrack Stewart - a man whose descendants in this area number in the thousands.

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At Montgomery he crossed the Alabama River, took the Upper Federal Road (AL 14), continuing west to Selma, then veered southwest (Jeff Davis Hwy) to the area of Coffeeville, AL located on the Tombigbee River. Traveling due west on the old St. Stephens Road (US 84), he crossed into Mississippi, and eventually intersected the Pearl River at Monticello in Lawrence County, MS. Shadrack then traveled down the river until he found the area where he settled in present day Pearl River County. Stewart's Bluff, south of Walki Bluff, is the original land settled by Shadrack Stewart.

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On the 1820 Hancock County, MS census, completed on 12/13/182 there are two listings for a W. J. Stewart (pp 36, 39). The information lines are blank for the W. J. Stewart on page It appears the census taker was not able to reach the house a intended to return later. The names listed before and after W. J. Stewart's name are the same people who owned land near Shadrack's land. These people are Elisha Lott, Solomon Lott, Burl Perry, Malcolm McIntryee and John McIntryee.

W. J. Stewart on page 39, who is assumed to be the same as the Stewart on page 36, is found with a household that contains one male over forty-five, five males between sixteen and fortive, and one male under ten. There were also two females between twenty-six and forty-five and one female between sixteen

W. J. Stewart may be Shadrack's younger brother and the same William Stewart who witnessed Shadrack's last deed in Darling County, S.C. William nor W. J. Stewart have been found on any census after 1820 nor on any early land records and so he seem to have left the area or died between 1820 and 1830.

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Shadrack Stewart settled on Stewart's Bluff when he was betwee 36 and 46 years old. His land was part of the original Solome Lott claim. His claim was submitted in 1821 or 1822 when the National Survey was taken and he stated that he had lived on the land since 1820. His claim to this land was registered in the 2/18/1829 Report to Congress. (Univ. of Southern Miss., Hattiesburg, MS. #137799 Report from the Commissioner of the General Land Office with reports form the Register and Receive of the Land Office for the District of Jackson Court House und the law for the adjustment of Land Claims in the State of Miss

On 4/12/1849 Shadrack was between 65 and 69 years old when he sold land to his children. This transaction was not recorded until 4/18/1857 when Shadrack appeared before Anthony Seal, JI to confirm that he had signed the deed in 1849.

It is not known exactly when Shadrack died, only that it was after 1857. Although it has been reported that he is buried in the Pine Grove Church Cemetery, no grave stone has been for

JOHN MADISON STEWART Son of HENRY JACKSON STEWART & MARTHA JANE SEAL Grandson of SHADRACK STEWART & SARAH B: 5/21/1844 in the Pine Grove area of Hancock (now Pearl River) County, MS. D: 8/27/1916; buried: Pine Grove Cemetery. When Fort Sumter was fired upon in 1861, John Madison Stewart was 17 years old. On March 25, 1862, he enlisted in the Mississippi Militia in Gainesville, MS under Capt. D. B. Seal. The records from the National Archives indicate that John M. Stewart was in Company C, 38th Regiment and was present and accounted for from March 25th until August 30th of 1862. On the September/October Muster Roll he was absent with a remark that he had been "left in Hospital at Saltillo, Sept. 14th, 1862", and that he had been last paid on June 30, 1862 by Captain Shepard. It is believed that John M. became ill and was discharged but the date and reason are unknown.

On 3/28/1869 the 25-yr-old John Madison Stewart married MARY ELIZABETH SMITH who was 23 years old. She was born on 2/28/1846, the daughter of William "Juckers" Smith and Martha Jane Rouse. On the 1870 census, John M. and Mary E. are shown living next door to his father, Henry J. Stewart. On 5/17/1876, John M. bought 160 acres of land from his father, that part of land where he and Mary had built their house.

John M. Stewart bought land from his first cousin, James W. Seal on 2/23/1884. This land was part of the Solomon Lott claim that James Seal had received from his parents, William F. & Gillie (Stewart) Seal. On 11/27/1888, John M. sold this tract of land to his brother, Shadrack Washington Stewart.

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During the next few years large sawmills were built around the countryside. In the book, "Next Door to Heaven" by S. G. Thigpen, there is a picture of a group of men who worked for one of these mills and John M. Stewart is shown. Many men worked at these mills in the fall of the year after their crops were harvested. The pay was very good due to the shortage of a labor force.

On 8/4/1892, John M. Stewart bought 160 acres of land from Asa G. Stevenson. John M. paid \$310 for this land which was three times the amount that land normally sold for. Mr. Stevenson was not a relative and this was probably good timber land. John M. bought 111 acres of land for \$100 from his cousin, George W. Seal, on 10/13/1893.

On 12/29/1894, John M. sold to his wife, Mary E. Stewart, 276.90 acres for \$280. This sale included over half of John's land. Mary sold 80 acres of this land for \$80 to

Dumas Bailey on 12/27/1897 and on 11/15/1905, Mary appears to have contracted her timber rights on this land to the Day Lumber and Manufacturing Company. It is not clear why Mary felt the need to have land under her own name but these transactions seem to indicate that she had her own money and was an able business woman.

On 12/22/1906, John M. and Mary contracted turpentine leases on their respective lands to S. M. Carter who set up a sawmill on the property to process the timber chips.

On 6/8/1910, John M. & Mary E. sold their home place to their sons, John Russell Stewart and Otis Randolph Stewart for \$50 each. They also sold another part of their land to their grandson, Clarence Stewart for \$25. John M. and Mary E. lived on the land that was sold to Otis and reserved the timber rights on all three tracts of land until their death. On 11/8/1915, John M. & Mary E. sold 120 acres of land for \$300 to E. F. Tate & A. J. Williams.

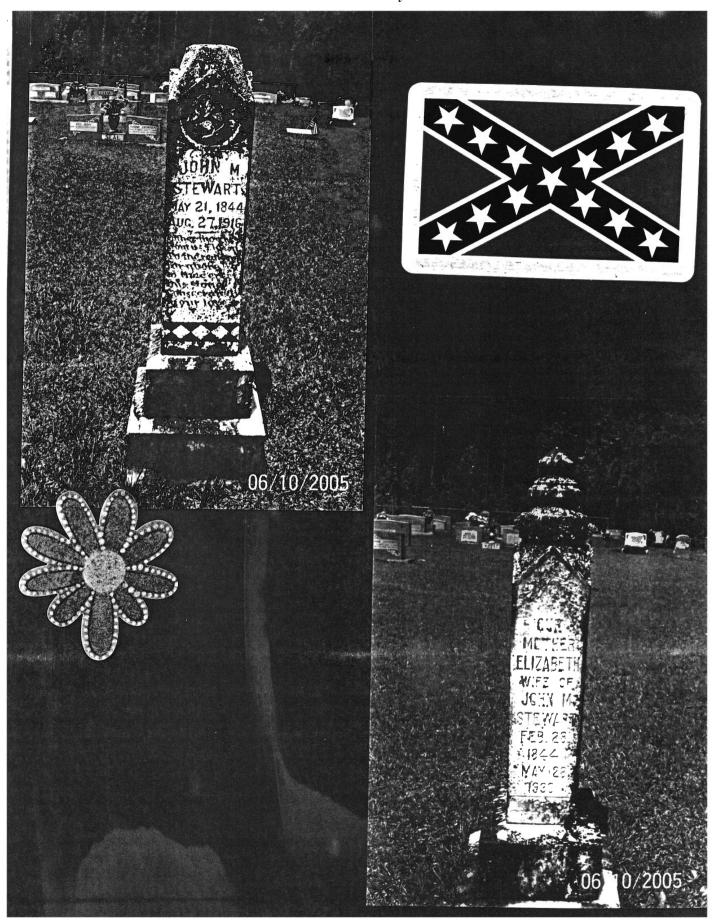
John Madison Stewart died at the age of 72 years on 8/27/1916 at his home in the Pine Grove Community. He is reported to have died from kidney disease and was buried in the Pine Grove Church Cemetery. No will was found in the Poplarville Courthouse for John Madison Stewart and it is assumed he did not write one.

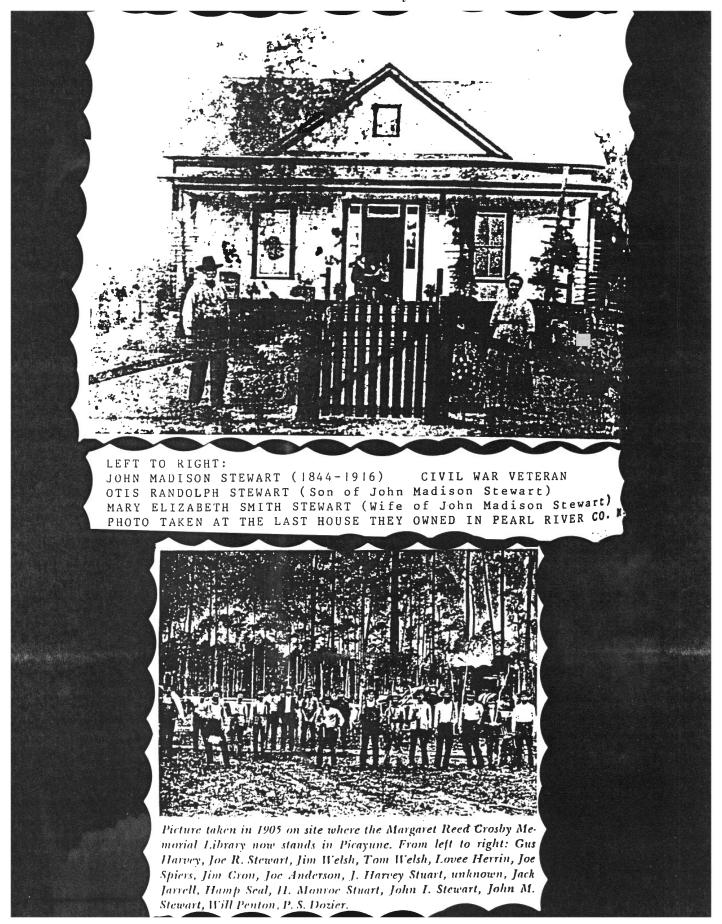
On 8/20/1921, the 76-year old Mary E. Stewart filed an Application for Pension on her husband's Civil War service. Her pension application was approved on 9/12/1921 but the amount she received is not known.

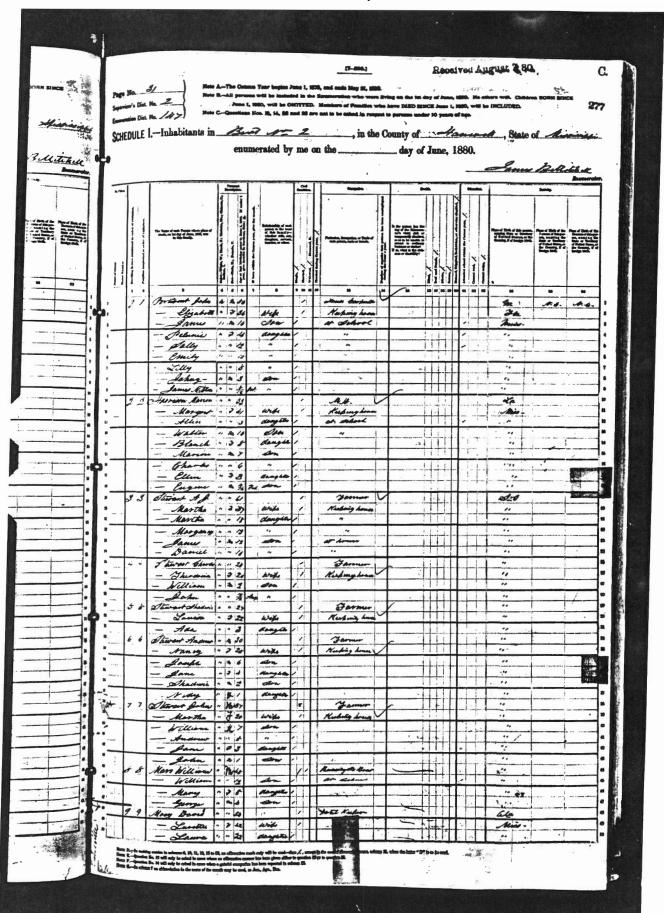
Mary Elizabeth Smith-Stewart lived to see her first two great-grandchildren born; Clyde Austin and Eugene Wesley Stewart. She died at age 84 on 5/28/1930 and was buried next to her husband in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Patsy Stewart, granddaughter of John Russell Stewart, reports that her Grandpaw Russell told her this story which was told to him by his father, John Madison Stewart. "Everyone was asleep one night when a rider galloped up to the house yelling to the top of his lungs. We all ran out to see what was happening. He told us that the war had started and everyone was to meet at the crossroads the next morning to hear the story. Maw started crying because she had sons who were fighting age".

Grandpaw Russell said John Madison Stewart entered the war when it was almost over and never saw any action. He was in Tennessee when the surrender came and he walked back to Mississippi. It is said he had a very volatile temper and had a lot of scars on his back that had resulted from a fight.







This story is about the John Madison Stewart family. I found it in S.G. Thigpen's book "Next Door to Heaven"

### A Stolen Bride and Two Weddings

"History is made up of glorious memories."

About 65 years ago Andrew Stewart of Pine Grove Community west of Picayune and John Smith of Poplarville rode their horses to Bay St. Louis to get their marriage licenses, Stewart to marry Nettie Burks of Henleyfield and Smith to marry Lolie Wheat of Pine Grove.

Everything was satisfactory with the Wheat family for John Smith to marry his bride, but Andrew Stewart's marriage to Nettie Burks was not approved by her family. All preparations were made for the marriage of Lolie and John, the date set, the wedding clothes prepared and a sumptious feast provided for the infare to follow the wedding. Guests were invited and there was a festive air around the Wheat old home about a mile east of Cybur.

Though Andrew had his license to wed Nettie no definite arrangements had been made for their marriage. On the morning of the day set for the Smith-Wheat wedding, John arrived at the home of John M. Stewart, the father of Andrew. Then Andrew, his brother Russell and John set out for Henleyfield to try to steal Nettie away from her home for her marriage to Andrew that night.

When the three neared the Burks home Andrew and Russell stopped before coming into sight of the house. John rode on and stopped at the Burks house as if for a casual visit. He talked with the family for a time then asked where Nettie was. He was told she had gone for a visit to the home of a nearby neighbor, George Stewart.

If John got the opportunity to talk to Nettie he was to tell her that Andrew had the license and was waiting for her down the road.

He was to arrange for her to slip away from home to a point where the Stewarts could pick her up. If she was to go east, Smith would ride his horse eastward where he would come into view of the Stewart brothers. If she was to go west Smith would ride in that direction and since he could not be seen going in that direction he was to shoot his pistol to let them know.

After waiting for sometime the Stewart brothers heard Smith's pistol shot, indicating that Nettie had gone to the west. They hurried to the nearest house which was George Stewart's. When they arrived they found Nettie had been there but had gone on over further westward to the home of a Mr. Jarrell. At the Stewart home they found Joseph and Harvey Burks, first cousins of Nettie's.

Andrew and John set out for the Jarrell home leaving the other three to wait for them. When they arrived Nettie came out to meet them.

Andrew said to her, "Nettie, I have come after you. I have the license in my pocket, and if you'll come with me we'll get married tonight."

She answered, "Wait a minute until I get my hat."

She came right on back and Andrew helped her to mount the horse behind John Smith. As they left going back toward the Stewart home Andrew rode a little bit behind so as to detain any of the girl's family who might come in that direction. They were soon joined by Russell and the two Burks. They all hurried on down to the home of Andrew's father, arriving there sometime between 1 and 2 PM. Mrs. Stewart had dinner waiting for them.

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John Smith was riding a spirited horse. Along the way he had ridden too close to a barb wire fence so that the horse became skittish and shied to one side, badly tearing one leg of his pants. Not wanting to get married in ragged pants he immediately planned to go to Nicholson and buy another pair for his wedding that night.

Since Judge Seal was coming that way to perform the ceremony in the Wheat-Smith wedding, Andrew and Nettie decided to have him perform their marriage ceremony too. Hurried arrangements were made. Andrew went along with John to Nicholson so that he could arrange for the judge to get an earlier start and stop by the Stewart home for that wedding.

Nettie, not knowing that Andrew was coming that day, had left home without making any arrangements whatever for her surprise wedding. All she had with her were the everyday clothes she had on.

Andrew's mother immediately got busy doing everything she could to help her soon-to-be daughter-in-law get ready for the wedding. She remembered that Becky Megehee, a daughter of Wood Megehee, a nearby neighbor, had participated in a wedding a short time before this and had made a nice dress for that occasion. Mrs. Stewart rushed down the half mile to their home to borrow Becky's dress and other paraphernalia for Nettie to marry in. With Becky accompanying her, the two hurried back to get the dress adjusted and everything ready for the wedding.

John bought his new pants at the Carver Store in Nicholson and then went with Andrew to see the Judge who agreed to start earlier on this trip in order to have time to perform the ceremony and still not be late getting to the Wheat home. Since John and Andrew were on horseback and a package troublesome to carry, John put his package with the new pants in it in the back of the Judge's buggy.

The two men on horseback arrived at the Stewart home in time for supper. They then waited expectantly for the Judge. Delayed by high water in the Hobolochitto river the Judge and his son Andrew were hours late. Asked why he replied, "We lost John's pants."

Now, what to do? We'll see a little later.

When the Judge arrived everything was ready and Andrew and Nettie were married.

With his wedding over and John still with no presentable pants, Andrew went into his room, took off his wedding suit and let John have it to get married in.

John insisted that all the others go with him to his wedding. When they arrived at the Wheat home everything was dark. It was so late in the night that they had given up hope of the Judge and groom arriving. But they woke everyone up and got busy preparing for the marriage which took place long after midnight.

The infare, which had been bounteously prepared for, followed, even though it was late in the night. The new dictionaries do not include the word "infare" but this definition was found in an old dictionary, "a reception, party or entertainment given by a newly married couple or by the husband upon receiving the wife into his house." I remember attending an infare about 64 years ago. I have never before or since seen so many good things to eat.

Russell Stewart, now 85, told me the story of the weddings. Mr. Stewart's father was John M. Stewart and his mother the oldest

child of the 28 children of Uncle Billy Smith who lived just west of where Picayune now stands. Russell was named for his mother's oldest brother, Russell Smith, for a long time a merchant in old Gainesville.

Mr. Stewart has lived all his life on the place where he now resides. His father owned 480 acres of land all covered in virgin pine timber. Mr. Stewart has made 63 crops on his place for himself. He remembers well the old days when steamboats ran up and down Pearl River and likes to tell of seeing them pass by loaded with cotton and other things. He remembers that a steamboat loaded with cotton burned near Walkiah Bluff. Jim Seal was the captain of this boat. The captain smelled the cotton burning but could not locate it quick enough as the whole boat was soon in flames. He pulled the whistle to give the alarm and then jumped into the water.

Mr. Stewart planted 32 pecan trees on his place 50 years ago. They are now huge, towering trees, loaded with nuts. He said, "My pecan trees have paid me better than anything I have ever had on my farm."

Mr. Stewart is a good example of the thrifty old time farmers. Not only has he pecans on his place but fig trees and other fruit trees, always a good vegetable garden and fat pigs for his own meat.